Quarterly Population Report

Second Quarter - 2012

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Population Estimates*

Alberta led the provinces in population growth for the third consecutive quarter, mainly due to strong inflows of migrants. As of July 1, 2012, Alberta's population was estimated at 3,873,745, up 0.81%, or 31,196 people, from last quarter. This was Alberta's highest quarterly population growth rate since the third quarter of 2006 and more than double the national average of 0.36% growth.

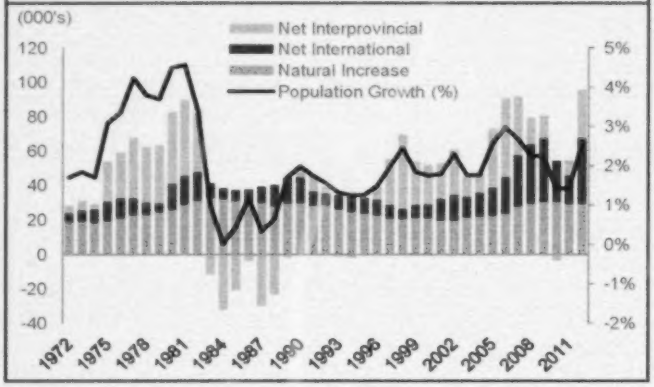
Year-over-year, Alberta's population grew by 2.5% (Table 1). This was the highest annual growth rate since 2007 and marked the first time since the global great recession that Alberta's population growth exceeded its long term average (Figure 1). Nationally, population expanded by 1.1%. The other two Prairie provinces also have seen above-average population growth rates (Saskatchewan at 2.1% and Manitoba at 1.2%), likely due to the relatively strong economic and labor market conditions in these areas (Table 2). Northwest Territories was the only region that lost population during this period, whereas the population in the Maritimes was quite stable except for Prince Edward Island, which bucked the trend.

* all data are from Statistics Canada

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Yearly Growth Rate	
1-Jul	Canada	Alberta	1-Jul	Canada	Alberta
2007	32,927,517	3,512,897	2007	1.08%	2.68%
2008	33,317,662	3,592,191	2008	1.18%	2.26%
2009	33,726,915	3,672,728	2009	1.23%	2.24%
2010	34,126,547	3,723,756	2010	1.18%	1.39%
2011	34,483,975	3,778,072	2011	1.05%	1.46%
2012	34,880,491	3,873,745	2012	1.15%	2.53%

FIGURE 1: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE



Migration

Migration continues to be the main driver of population growth in Alberta. Overall, Alberta has gained 23,090 interprovincial and international migrants during the second quarter of 2012, accounting for almost three-quarters of the province's quarterly population growth. On a census year basis, Alberta attracted more than 66,000 net migrants in 2011/2012, the second highest annual level on record and more than double the number experienced the year before (25,146) (Figure 1).

Interprovincial Migration

During the second quarter, 8,544 net interprovincial migrants moved to Alberta. The majority came from Ontario (3,685) and British Columbia (1,846) (Table 3). In fact, Alberta gained interprovincial migrants from every part of Canada except for Saskatchewan (-175) and Yukon (-65). Nationwide, except for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon, all regions experienced net outflows of interprovincial migrants. Ontario saw the largest net outflow of 4,364, followed by Manitoba (-1,302) and British Columbia (-1,196).

Over the past year, Alberta gained 28,170 interprovincial migrants, the highest influx in the country and more than triple the level recorded the year before (8,443) (Table 4), More than half of those migrants came from Ontario (38%) and British Columbia (18%), while almost a quarter came from the Maritimes.

Net International Migration

Alberta welcomed a record number of net international migrants (14,546) during the second quarter (Table 4). Among them, 10,358 were permanent residents, the highest quarterly number ever. As a result, Alberta's quarterly share of immigrants to Canada increased to 14.2%, the highest share since the third quarter of 1982 (15.3%). The growing inflows of non-permanent residents (NPRs) also

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JULY 1, 2012 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JULY 1, 2011

	Canada	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	34,880,491	512,659	146,105	948,695	755,950	8,054,756	13,505,900	1,267,003	1,079,958	3,873,745	4,622,573	36,101	43,349	33,697
Growth Rate	1.15%	-0.05%	0.28%	0.02%	0.08%	0.96%	1.04%	1.22%	2.09%	2.53%	1.01%	1.99%	-1.95%	0.44%

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boosted Alberta's gain in international migration. During the quarter, the province gained 5,244 NPRs, almost four times higher than the same period last year.

On a annual year basis, net international migrants to Alberta reached a historic high of 37,990 in 2011/2012, largely due to a record number of immigrants (34,538) . The province gained 9,721 NPRs during the year, a significant turnaround from the net outflow of 7,604 seen in 2010/2011.

Natural Increase

During the second quarter, Alberta recorded 13,716 births and 5,610 deaths. As a result, natural increase (births minus deaths) contiributed 8,106 people to Alberta's population. In 2011/2012, natural increase accounted for 0.8 percentage points of Alberta's total population growth, twice the national average of 0.4 percentage points.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Origin \ Destination	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
NL	0	55	265	114	116	753	66	84	1,484	133	0	7	24
PEI	45	0	205	78	160	467	26	45	205	86	0	0	0
NS	260	106	0	567	182	1,553	104	105	1,389	222	0	58	17
NB	180	47	617	0	457	819	64	67	891	205	0	20	33
QC	80	47	310	470	0	5,249	147	216	1,458	879	29	70	12
ON	845	387	1,494	922	4,243	0	1,665	1,705	7,751	4,244	111	17	111
MB	10	45	79	46	309	1,264	0	714	1,601	1,174	32	19	18
SK	4	17	22	30	556	862	498	0	3,034	942	33	32	4
AB	1,279	85	708	486	585	4,066	827	3,209	0	6,122	98	112	12
BC	137	45	276	108	1,091	3,698	605	1,167	7,968	0	260	48	27
YT	0	23	0	0	66	194	0	9	33	156	0	36	0
NT	44	0	40	23	81	131	0	43	233	63	65	0	20
NU	36	0	108	28	94	75	7	43	86	8	0	10	0

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
IN	2,920	857	4,124	2,872	7,940	19,131	4,009	7,407	26,133	14,234	628	429	278
OUT	3,101	1,317	4,563	3,400	8,967	23,495	5,311	6,034	17,589	15,430	517	743	495
NET	-181	-460	-439	-528	-1,027	-4,364	-1,302	1,373	8,544	-1,196	111	-314	-217

Q2 2012	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
Outflow to AB	1,484	205	1,389	891	1,458	7,751	1,601	3,034	**0**	7,968	33	233	86
Inflow from AB	1,279	85	708	486	585	4,066	827	3,209	**0**	6,122	98	112	12
Net Flow to AB	205	120	681	405	873	3,685	774	-175	**0**	1,846	-65	121	74

Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-permanent residents (NPR) include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students."

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF GROWTH BY QUARTER

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2007-08													
Jul-Sep	26,228	24,023	2,205	6,171	5,034	3,201	1,046	1,393	8,351	10,556	12,677	4,844	18,389
Oct-Dec	15,614	13,579	2,035	5,085	2,573	1,847	780	619	5,650	7,685	12,095	5,159	14,621
Jan-Mar	18,572	14,710	3,862	5,352	4,046	1,598	730	617	7,687	11,549	12,102	5,385	18,266
Apr-Jun	24,023	16,808	7,215	7,196	7,255	1,841	778	1,076	12,908	20,123	13,075	5,180	28,018
Total	**84,437**	**69,120**	**15,317**	**23,804**	**18,908**	**8,487**	**3,334**	**3,705**	**34,596**	**49,913**	**49,949**	**20,568**	**79,294**
2008-09													
Jul-Sep	22,732	20,075	2,657	6,455	7,870	3,450	1,092	1,535	11,318	13,975	13,438	5,020	22,393
Oct-Dec	15,137	11,026	4,111	5,201	4,574	1,970	802	691	7,694	11,805	12,241	5,495	18,551
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	4,685	5,764	4,489	1,499	710	731	8,775	13,460	12,310	5,427	20,343
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	1,731	7,739	2,708	1,597	730	1,178	9,298	11,029	13,319	5,098	19,250
Total	**75,238**	**62,054**	**13,184**	**25,159**	**19,641**	**8,516**	**3,334**	**4,135**	**37,085**	**50,269**	**51,308**	**21,040**	**80,537**
2009-10													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,284	2,517	1,054	1,427	7,725	5,705	13,697	4,887	14,515
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,463	787	706	2,899	697	12,397	5,576	7,518
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-99	1,214	724	672	5,397	5,545	12,263	5,602	12,206
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-685	1,381	767	1,183	8,079	8,882	13,165	5,258	16,789
Total	**57,958**	**61,229**	**-3,271**	**30,005**	**14**	**6,575**	**3,332**	**3,988**	**24,100**	**20,829**	**51,522**	**21,323**	**51,028**
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,822	2,505	1,031	1,426	5,553	5,552	13,218	5,046	13,724
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,704	1,547	796	706	-1,674	-344	12,222	5,753	6,125
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-419	1,289	732	672	4,148	7,308	12,404	5,781	13,931
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,341	1,462	775	1,183	8,676	12,630	13,331	5,425	20,536
Total	**63,975**	**55,532**	**8,443**	**30,457**	**-7,604**	**6,803**	**3,334**	**3,987**	**16,703**	**25,146**	**51,175**	**22,005**	**54,316**
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	22,809	20,031	2,778	8,970	2,186	2,603	1,044	1,426	8,935	11,713	13,402	5,210	19,905
Oct-Dec	16,053	10,931	5,122	7,690	-149	1,556	791	706	5,900	11,022	12,437	5,938	17,521
Jan-Mar	24,177	12,451	11,726	7,520	2,440	1,295	728	672	8,609	20,335	12,688	5,972	27,051
Apr-Jun	26,133	17,589	8,544	10,358	5,244	1,468	771	1,183	14,546	23,090	13,716	5,610	31,196
Total	**89,172**	**61,002**	**28,170**	**34,538**	**9,721**	**6,922**	**3,334**	**3,987**	**37,990**	**66,160**	**52,243**	**22,730**	**95,673**

* The sum of the components may not equal the total quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and post censal estimates.